

CHAPTER 1 TITLE AND PURPOSE

1.01 Title

These Regulations shall be known and cited as Gallatin County Floodplain Regulations. These Regulations are in accordance with exercising the authority of the laws of the State of Montana.

1.02 Purpose

To promote the public health, safety and general welfare, to minimize flood losses in areas subject to flood hazards and to promote wise use of the floodplain. These Regulations have been established with the following purposes intended:

- A. To guide development of the 100-year floodplain areas of Gallatin County outside incorporated areas consistent with the enumerated findings by:
 - 1. recognizing the right and need of water courses to periodically carry more than the normal flow of water;
 - 2. participating in coordinating efforts of federal, state and local management activities for 100-year floodplains; and,
 - 3. insuring the regulations and minimum standards adopted, insofar as possible, balance the greatest public good with the least private injury.
- B. Specifically it is the purpose of these Regulations to:
 - 1. restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety or property in times of flood, or cause increased flood heights or velocities;
 - 2. require that uses vulnerable to floods, including public facilities which serve such uses, be provided with flood protection at the time of initial construction;
 - 3. identify lands unsuitable for certain development purposes because of flood hazards;
 - 4. minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
 - 5. insure that potential buyers are notified that property is within a 100-year floodplain and subject to the provisions of these Regulations; and,
 - 6. insure that those who occupy 100-year floodplains assure responsibility for their actions.